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ORDER OF THE DAY

WEDNESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER, 2023 AT 9:30 AM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Administration of Oath
2. Communication from the Chair
3. Messages
4. Petitions
5. Papers
6. Statement

(STATEMENT SOUGHT FROM THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND SANITATION)

Hon Speaker, the right to water and sanitation is high on the international agenda following its formal recognition by United Nations General Assembly and the Human Rights Council in 2010 (UN General Assembly Resolution).

Hon Speaker, this recognition was based on the harmful effect on health and related outcomes, where close to half of all people in developing countries are suffering from health problems caused by poor water and sanitation.

Hon Speaker, the right to water and sanitation is provided for in article 43(d) of the Constitution of Kenya. That every person in Kenya has the right to clean and safe water in adequate quantities and the right to reasonable standards of sanitation.

Hon Speaker, the country is anticipating El-nino and obviously there will be a significant increase in water levels, negatively impacting the local communities. This will provoke renewed concerns about the causations, with anthropogenic and hydro-climatic influences hypothesized as potential causes of the water level rises resulted by the anticipated rains.

Hon, Speaker, is it prudent to have appropriate measures to treat and provide clean and save water in sufficient quantities for the residents of the County during, before and after these rains in order to curb the spread of water borne diseases and other related concerns. The collection of water to the shallow wells and the bore holes constitutes a significant storage of underground water available for usage if properly harvested.

Hon Speaker, before drilling a borehole, one needs to conduct a hydro-geological survey. The survey is key in establishing the drilling point, rock structure, and amount of water present beneath. The type of rock structure will determine how much one will spend while the amount of water beneath gives an estimation of feet to be drilled, in the recent times the County has caused the drilling of boreholes in almost every Sub-County and it's important to note the standards for safe consumption.

Hon speaker, The chair should inquire and report on;

1. Whether the department is prepared in regards to water harvesting for flood control and for safe consumption?
2. Plans by the department to embark on full treatment plan to control water borne diseases in case of floods?
3. What the department is doing in making sure that the drilled boreholes are safe for both human and animal consumption?

(STATEMENT SOUGHT BY HON FATUMA ADEN ABDI - NOMINATED MCA)

7. Notice of Motion
8. Motions and Bill